

## EXTRA SPECIAL

Today we received advise that another car of melons is enroute, this means **We Will Have to Hurry** and dispose of those now on hand, so today we begin the greatest melon sale of the season and offer you the finest melons in the city, the kind that are good and give you satisfaction in eating them. Come early and avoid the rush, be one of the first and get the pick of the lot. We guarantee everything we sell and sell all we guarantee.

**ROSS, HIGGINS & CO.**

### Local Brevities.

The schooner Virginia cleared yesterday for San Pedro with 700,000 feet of lumber.

The gasoline schooner Gerald C. goes down the river this morning bound for Tillamook.

Wanted: Swimmers and divers for regatta events. Apply at once at room 37, Page building.

License to wed was issued yesterday to Matti Maki and Hannah Jacobson, both of Clatsop county.

Oscar Lundqvist, a native of Sweden, yesterday declared his intention of becoming a citizen of the United States.

A bookkeeper of experience and reliability may secure position to take charge of books and act as cashier at the store of S. Danziger & Co.

The Dorcas Society of the Swedish Lutheran church of East Astoria, will meet at the home of Miss Tina Peterson of Alderbrook, Friday evening, the 19th inst., at the hour of 8 o'clock.

The big dredge Chinook will take part in the regatta festivities and during the water carnival will be at anchor off the grandstand. She is an attractive appearing vessel, of immense size, and will afford as much interest as the battleships.

The steamship Leelanaw is expected to leave on Sunday evening, the 21st inst., from the Elmore dock for San Francisco direct. She will take passengers; fare, \$8. For tickets and further information apply to James Finlayson, 377 Commercial street.

The regatta programs have been received from Portland, where they were printed. The program is full of advertisements, principally those of outside houses. It contains likenesses of her majesty, Queen Helen, Admiral Campbell, Chairman McBride, Secretary Halderman and the members of the regatta committee.

The Commercial Club baseball team, which leaves this morning for South Bend to meet the team of that place in two games, will lineup as follows: Catcher, White; pitcher, Reed; first base, McDermott; second base, Roxy Graham; third base, Carleton; short-

stop, Fletcher, left field, Stockton; center field, Welch; right field, Trullinger; substitute, Thornburg. Harry Graham will leave Astoria with the team, but will not play, as he is going to Hoquiam on business.

The three-masted schooner Zampa arrived yesterday from South Bend. The Zampa recently went ashore at Leadbetter point, but was floated by a wrecking crew. She seems little the worse for her experience. The vessel is under charter to load lumber for California.

The Skamokawa regatta will be held today and tomorrow. The people of the enterprising little town have left nothing undone to make their event a success and a big crowd is expected to attend. Many Astorians will visit Skamokawa today. A feature of the sports there will be a wrestling match between Tom Davies and Strangler Smith.

The Hammond Lumber Company's steamer Francis H. Leggett arrived in port yesterday from San Francisco. She will take on a cargo of lumber and start south within a few days with another big log raft. The Leggett has had much success with log rafts, having towed three south without the slightest accident.

Regatta decorations are already being displayed and several Commercial street stores will be elaborately attired in blue and white. Will Madison and Otto Mikkelsen and Peterson & Brown are constructing large frames in front of their places of business and will cover them with regatta colors. Many of the merchants will not put up their decorations until Monday.

Invitations are out for the ceremony attending the laying of the cornerstone of the new court house. The invitations are signed by County Judge Trenchard and County Clerk Clinton and read as follows: "Astoria, Aug. 18.—The grand lodge of Masons of the state of Oregon will on Tuesday, August 23, 1904, at the hour of 2 p. m., lay the cornerstone of Clatsop county's new court house. Your presence is earnestly asked." A picture of the court house appears on the invitation card.

The Commercial Club bowling team held another practice match last night and scored a total of 1033 pins. This is just a trifle better than a 43 average.

Laws and Pye did not bowl as well as usual, else the total would have been much greater. The games were consistent the totals by games having been 260, 263, 363 and 247. This sort of bowling is bound to defend the Feldenhelmer trophy, and the men seem confident of their ability to roll up an even better total on the night of the contest with Multnomah. The high individual total last night was 292; the low individual total, 152.

The Commercial Club baseball team leaves this morning for South Bend, where two games will be played, on Saturday and Sunday. The team has been greatly strengthened and the men expect to win both games. The team will remain away until Sunday evening. The outing promises to be an enjoyable one. Reed, who recently pitched for the Schiller aggregation, and White, late catcher for the champion Tacoma Tigers, will appear in the Commercial lineup at South Bend.

Two prominent railroad men were guests yesterday of Superintendent McGuire, of the A. & C. The visitors were Vice President C. M. Levy and General Superintendent Horn, of the Northern Pacific. Mr. Levy is located at St. Paul and Mr. Horn at Tacoma. They arrived in a special car yesterday morning and after lunch were taken down to Fort Stevens and Seaside, where they spent the afternoon. After dinner at Astoria Messrs. Levy and Horn left for Portland. The trip was one purely of pleasure, having been arranged for the special benefit of Mr. Levy.

Commercial street east of Fourteenth is in very bad condition and it is regarded as particularly unfortunate that the thoroughfare could not have been improved before regatta week. Property owners bickered for weeks over the manner of improvement, with the result that the necessary legislation was not enacted until too late to complete the street prior to regatta week. The council refuses to allow the improvement to be made before carnival week, but immediately after the regatta the improvement will be commenced. The sidewalk on the south side of the thoroughfare between Fourteenth and Fifteenth has collapsed, but can be braced up and made safe. There are several holes farther east, and generally the street is in dilapidated condition. Duane street from Eleventh west is also in bad shape, but this street will not be repaired until next spring.

The police yesterday secured a conviction under the curfew ordinance. The minor who violated the law gave the name F. Savanto. He was arrested by Officer Stark for frequenting Astor street against the instructions of the police. Savanto stated to the court that he would be 20 years of age August 27. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$20, in default of which he was sent to jail for 10 days. William Ahleoff and R. Ramat were arrested for fighting. The latter had been pulling boat for the former and his story to Police Judge Anderson was to the effect that Ahleoff had neglected to pay him. He asked several times for his money, and finally, Wednesday afternoon, Ahleoff struck him in the face. Ahleoff was represented by Attorney J. M. Hughes, who secured postponement of his case until this afternoon. However, the fighter was in court while Ramat's case was being heard. When Ramat stated that Ahleoff had struck him, Ahleoff rose in his seat and in deep base tones said: "You are a liar!" It was with some difficulty that he was subdued. Ramat was fined \$10, or five days in jail. Police court receipts yesterday were about \$150.

There was a decided improvement yesterday in the supply of fish. A new run came into the river Wednesday night and the gillnetters made excellent catches, averaging about 500 pounds to the boat. The fish are of unusual quality and are pronounced to be equally as good as the ordinary July fish. The receipts were heavy enough to keep all the canneries going during the day. Some of the gillnetters brought in as much as 1500 pounds of salmon, and 500 pounds was considered a reasonable estimate of the average. Five cents a pound is still the price offered by packers, and the gillnetters are reaping a harvest. The price has never fallen below this figure during the season, and the gillnet fishermen have fared much better than during any other season for years. They have taken the bulk of the salmon and all of them have had a successful year. Local packers were opposed to reduction of the price, which has a tendency to let outside packers get some of the supply. The fishermen have benefited and a larger amount has been placed in circulation this season than for several years past. It is estimated that fully \$2,000,000 will have been paid out for raw material before the season ends.

## MUST COLLECT THE INTEREST

Council Nordstrom Insists That City Treasurer Is Not Following Charter's Terms

### COMMITTEE IN GOOD FAITH

No Effort on Part of Ways And Means Members To Persecute Mr. Dealey Says Councilman

Astoria, Aug. 18.—(Editor The Morning Astorian): I noticed in your paper of the day before yesterday an explanation or excuse made by the city treasurer for his failure to collect interest on street assessments, and from the language used it seems evident that Mr. Dealey desired to give out the idea that the committee on ways and means was seeking to persecute him. The committee acted in perfect good faith, with no other object in view than that of protecting the public and the city. The committee had been advised by the city attorney that all street assessments drew interest at the legal rate from the date that the assessments were confirmed, and we acted upon this information. Our contention that interest should be charged upon all street assessments has never been questioned by any former city treasurer and is absolutely settled by section 96 of the 1899 charter, session laws of 1899, page 779, which provides:

"All money paid or collected upon assessments for the improvement of streets shall be kept as a separate fund, and in no wise used for any other purpose whatever; all money so assessed, including a deficit, from the time of being entered in the docket of the city liens, shall bear interest of the legal rate until paid or collected."

In the face of this provision, the treasurer has no right to accept less than the full amount of principal and interest due the city, and he should be held to a strict account for his conduct. So long as I am a member of the council, I shall insist upon each officer of the city performing his duty, and any loss should be made good. Yours very respectfully,

JOHN NORDSTROM.

### PERSONAL MENTION.

H. T. Findlay is down from Portland.

Frank Johnson of Spokane is a guest at the Occident.

F. M. Warren, sr., came down from Portland last night.

Among the Portlanders in the city today are L. D. Hunter, C. W. Willett, J. H. Amos and F. N. Smith.

H. G. Van Dusen and family were passengers for Portland on the steamer Lurline last night.

B. H. Trumbull, who has been in the city for a few days, will return this morning to Portland.

V. Cook, Miss Leila Cook and Miss Cornelia Cook of Portland passed through the city yesterday en route to Long Beach.

Constable Utzinger returned yesterday from Beaver Lodge, Grays river, where he had been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. I. Bergman.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Danziger of San Francisco, who have been visiting in the city, will leave for home tomorrow on the Columbia.

Louis I. Ostroski arrived yesterday on the Columbia from San Francisco and is the guest of his sister, Mrs. I. Cohen. He will remain during regatta week.

### OFF FOR THE WORLD'S FAIR.

A number of Astorians will start for the great St. Louis fair early next month, among whom there will be a bunch of Herman Wise's customers, who are wise enough to buy their clothing, hats, etc., at Herman Wise's elegant store.

On the evening of the 29th of this month Mr. Wise gives a dance for the benefit of his customers; there will be cakewalks and fancy dancing for presents, and at about 11 o'clock the night it will be decided which of Herman Wise's clothing customers shall receive the first-class round-trip tickets to and from the famous St. Louis fair. Mr. Wise gives a number with each ten-dollar purchase.

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FRIDAY, AUG. 19

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